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# LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

# FROM THE MANAGER



Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

As summer turns to fall, I hope that you are enjoying the crisp, clean atmosphere that is always prevalent on our waterfront.

My first topic is an update on the Alamitos Bay Rebuild. Although it may not be evident, we are definitely pushing forward steadily. Sorry for the change of date on the public meeting. Apparently, October 8 was Wilson's Back to School Night, and if you know the parking situation around that campus, you do not want to hold a public meeting there on the same night that all parents are on campus. This newsletter will probably arrive after the October 22 meeting, so if you attended, you saw that we are indeed making progress on the rebuild.

For those of you that did not attend, the good news is that we are making progress on all fronts. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is now public, and we are in the 45-day public comment period. The document is about four inches thick, and is available to the public. If you want a copy, you can go on-line at www.lbds.info /planning/environmental\_planning/environmental\_reports. asp. We anticipate that we will be taking this EIR to the City's Planning Commission for certification in December.

On the funding front, we are getting good news from

Sacramento. There is pressure on the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to start construction on those projects for which they have committed loan funds. As you may know, we have received loan commitments from DBW totaling about \$21.5 million. It appears that DBW is recognizing that we have a project that is closest to getting underway, and as a result, it looks like they will be recommending another \$8-10 million in loan funds for us. If that is the case, we should have sufficient funds to begin the project and complete Phase I. Keep your fingers crossed.

My only other topic relates to events and filming in the marina. This impacts the Shoreline Marina more than the others. As you read this, the Triatholon and Marathon will be behind us for the year, and these are the last large events of the year. I hope that these events were not too much of an inconvenience. Regarding filming, we are working through the Marine Advisory Commission to develop a policy relating to filming, particularly as it relates to on-dock and parking impacts. Once a policy is finalized, it will be put to print, and publicized in this newsletter and at the marina offices. If you have any input as to what this policy should include, please e-mail or write to us at any of the marina offices

As always, happy and healthy boating

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# The Marina Watch Program

The Long Beach Marina Boat Owners Association, in cooperation with the LBPD Marine Patrol, is looking for boatowners who would be interested in participating in the Marina Watch program. A difficult economy has led to an increase criminal activity everywhere and the marinas are no exception. Your participation provides additional

security on the docks and assists the Marine Patrol in their mission of providing a safe and secure marina environment for boatowners, their family, and friends. If you would consider participating, please email the LBMBOA Liveaboard & Security VP listed on the LBMBOA website at: http://www.lbmboa.org/

### Draft EIR Available

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Alamitos Bay Rebuild has been released.

The comment period for the Draft EIR is:

October 8, 2009 through November 23, 2009

The document is available at the following locations:

City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 5th Floor
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Bay Shore Neighborhood Library, 195 Bay Shore

The Draft EIR is available online at:

www.lbds.info/planning/environmental\_planning/environmental\_reports.asp

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## Protect Our Waterways - USE PUMPOUTS

Sewage and graywater discharges can create public and environmental health problems, especially if vessel wastes are discharged overboard in confined areas – like harbors, marinas, and inland water bodies. Although it's illegal to discharge untreated sewage into all navigable U.S. waters, some recreational boaters still discharge raw waste into our waterways. While one individual boater's contribution to the overall pollution problem may be small, there are nearly a million registered boats in California, and it's easy to see that those individual contributions can add up to a significant total.

The activities we love are more fun in and on clean waters. We can all choose to do the right thing and not pollute.

Here are some sewage management ideas:

- Never dump raw sewage into California waters.
- Plan ahead. Use public toilets onshore before departing

- Use a pumpout facility to dispose of holding tank wastes.
- Prevent accidental discharges. Keep the "Y" valve properly secured in the closed position when navigating inland waters or boating less than three miles offshore.
- Read labels and use holding tank disinfectants and deodorizers that do not contain chlorine formaldehyde, or other components that can be harmful to aquatic organisms.
- Onboard Marine Sanitation Devices that claim to treat sewage can malfunction. Regularly check to see if MSDs are functioning properly.

**Reminder** - it is illegal to discharge raw sewage into California's coastal waters within three miles of shore. Fines of up to \$2,200 can be imposed for illegal discharges.

# Give Your Old Sails a Second Wind

Before you toss out your old sail, take a moment to look into another option - RECY-CLE IT! There are several companies that will take your old used sail and turn it into new products, from new sails to grocery bags. Some companies you may want to check out are:

Cast-Aways

www.Cast-aways.com

Minney's Yacht Surplus

www.Minneysyachtsurplus.com

Sea Bags

www.Seabags.com

Sea Fever Gear

www.Seafevergear.com

Soozou

www.Soozou.com/gotsails



# LBPD-MARINE PATROL

With the economic downturn causing many to loose homes, property and jobs, there has been a noted increase in overall crime. Recently mentioned in the Long Beach news has been a large spike in garage burglaries. One night in October, Marine Patrol Officer Silva was patrolling the boat basin in the 5400 block of Ocean Bl. when a garage burglary in progress was broadcast on the police radio that was occurring a dozen blocks west of his location. Officer Silva assisted the responding East

division officers and was the first to arrive on scene.

A concerned citizen had witnessed a subject break into his neighbors' garage and leave down an alley riding that neighbor's bicycle. Officer Silva located the suspect nearby and he was taken into custody without incident. In addition to the stolen property, the suspect had burglary tools in his possession. The victims loss was returned to him, and one criminal was arrested that won't plague the area any time soon - good job Officer Silva!